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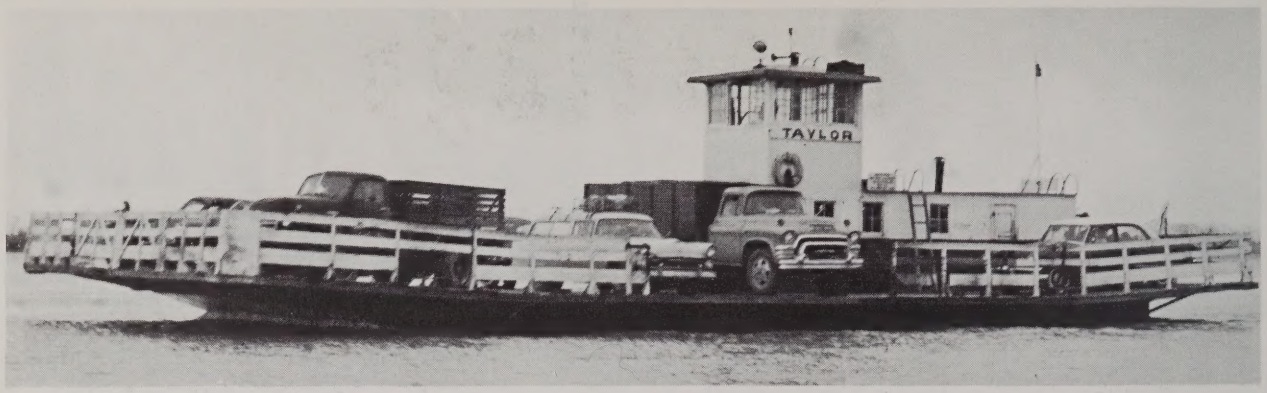

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Welcome Former Residents and Friends

The Citizens of Caruthersville and Pemiscot County Welcome ALL VISITORS. We hope that you enjoy your visit in our City and County during this week of festivities. May you renew many old acquaintances and make new friends.

We wish to pause and pay tribute to the early pioneers.

Today, we realize that their hardships and sacrifices were not in vain. The spirit of this 100th birthday party proves the progress and advancement of our city.

The Centennial Sponsors wish to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who has endeavored to make the Caruthersville Centennial a success. We are grateful to all who have spent devoted hours of planning and preparations. Without the wonderful co-operation of all of our city and county the Centennial could not have been undertaken.

To everyone, we extend a friendly and sincere invitation for your return visit to see and be with us.

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18 YEARS OF SERVICE

Graber's came to Caruthersville the year the present class of High School Seniors was born. We came with a promise to bring the finest quality possible at the lowest possible prices.

Your continued confidence in us during these past 18 years, we believe is proof that we have kept that promise.

So, to the people of Caruthersville, we salute you on your Centennial Celebration, and again renew our promise to serve you in good cheer, in good faith and with the best possible values.

GRABER'S

I wish to thank all members of the Caruthersville Centennial Committee and recognize the many business, industrial, fraternal, church and civic organizations and schools that have helped to make the Caruthersville Centennial celebration the success that it is.

It would be theoretically impossible to mention all the names of the many individuals who so graciously accepted the many tasks. Please accept this as a personal thanks for your part.

We believe this is a community project which will be long remembered. Those who took a special part had more to gain because they had more invested.

May we pause just briefly while we give the Almighty God a word of thanks for the blessings of the past century. * * * * *

To all our visitors, many of whom traveled hundreds of miles, we want to say, Welcome to the the City that is "Driving ahead with the power of the past."

Many years ago, Abraham Lincoln said, "I like to see a man proud of the place he lives in and so lives that the place is proud of him." Looking back on the things that were accomplished in the last one hundred years, we look forward with anticipation to the years ahead. We trust that our future accomplishments will be such that our children and grandchildren will remember us as we are paying tribute to our forefathers during this celebration.

Ira G. "Woody" Woodward

Ira G. Woodward
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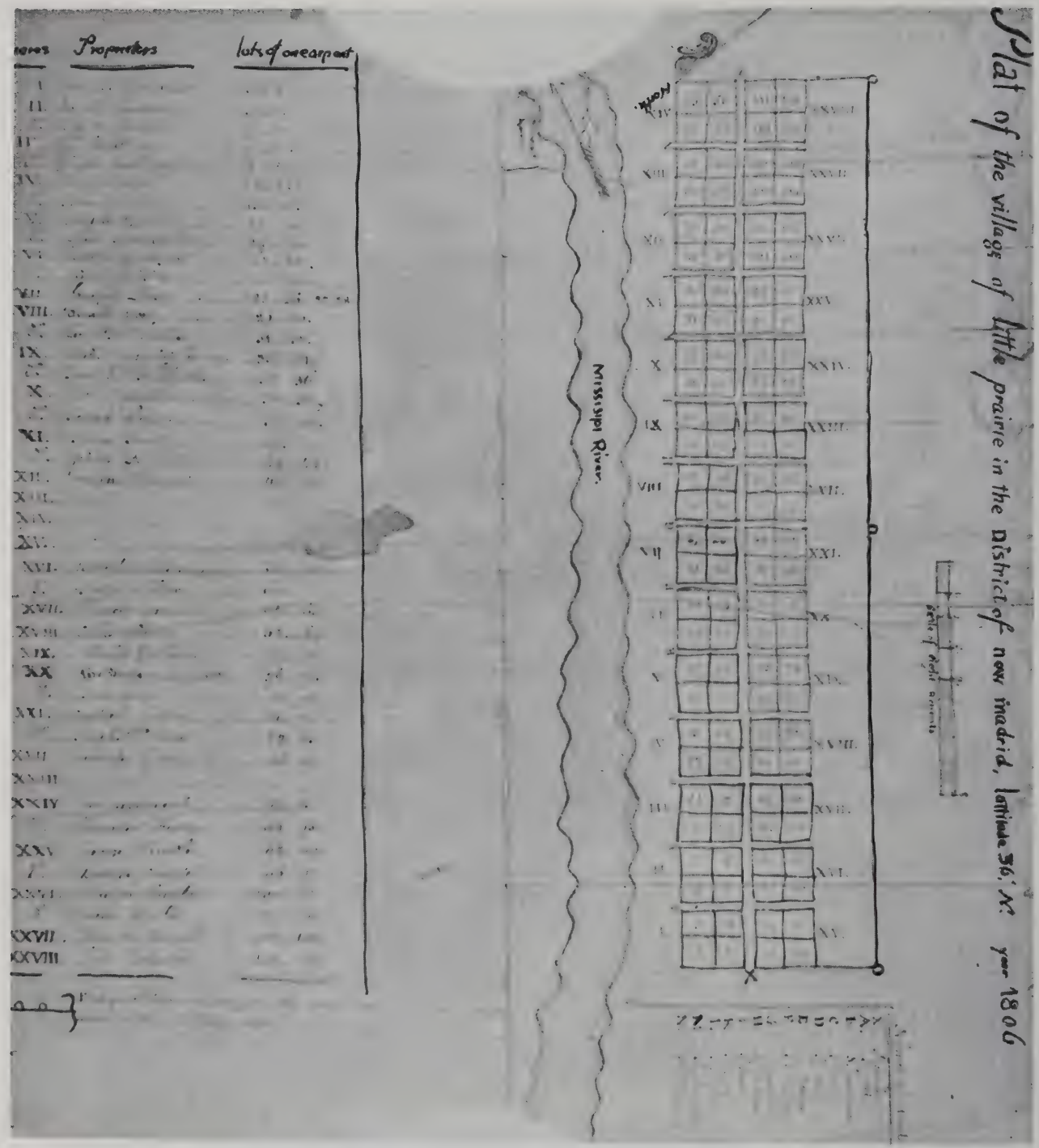
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do	Lul Bellefeuille	31-32		XXIV	Jean Montmenil	92-93	N. Ste. Thomas
IX	Mad. Desjarlais LaCourse	33-34		do	Alexander Frazier	94-95	
do	Jean B. Bellefeuille	35-36		XXV	George Rudole	98-99	
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In The Beginning

In 1794 Gabriel Cerre—fur trader and merchant of St. Louis sent Joseph LeSieur south to buy furs from the trappers and Indians in the wilderness south of New Madrid. He was instructed to set up a fort and trading post at the first high ground below New Madrid. He found this place about thirty miles south of New Madrid, a pleasant spreading prairie field on a high river bank. There was a Grand Prairie up near St. Louis and a Cove de la Graisse at New Madrid so he named this open spot 'Le Petite Prairie. Here he erected a fort—San Fernando, a Spanish fort because Spain then owned the Louisiana Territory.

The little settlement flourished, in 1799 it boasted a population of 78 people, largely French-Canadians, and by 1803 twenty houses had been built and there were two hundred inhabitants. The swamps and bayous to the west furnished many furs, wild game was abundant and as far as the records go the Indians were friendly and brought their furs to the traders.

This was the New Madrid territory and civil and governmental affairs were administered from that town by the French and Spanish authorities. New Madrid was one of the principal posts in the Louisiana territory, so if three flags were flown that day in 1803, three also flew over Fort San Fernando in LePetite Prairie.

There were four other small settlements on the high grounds in the surrounding territory—Cooter, Pemiscot Bayou, Little River and on Portage Bay. It was a fertile territory, at the mercy of the waters but it flourished. That is they did until a great catastrophe overtook them in the midst of the cold winter of 1811 and -12. It was a terrible earthquake centering in Little Prairie. The earth moved in waves, trees fell, great chasms swallowed whole buildings, sulphur and steam erupted, the river ran backwards, the face of the earth was changed and this continued for days. The inhabitants were terrified, so gathering up what food they could carry they set out in the middle of winter over fissures and fallen trees for New Madrid.

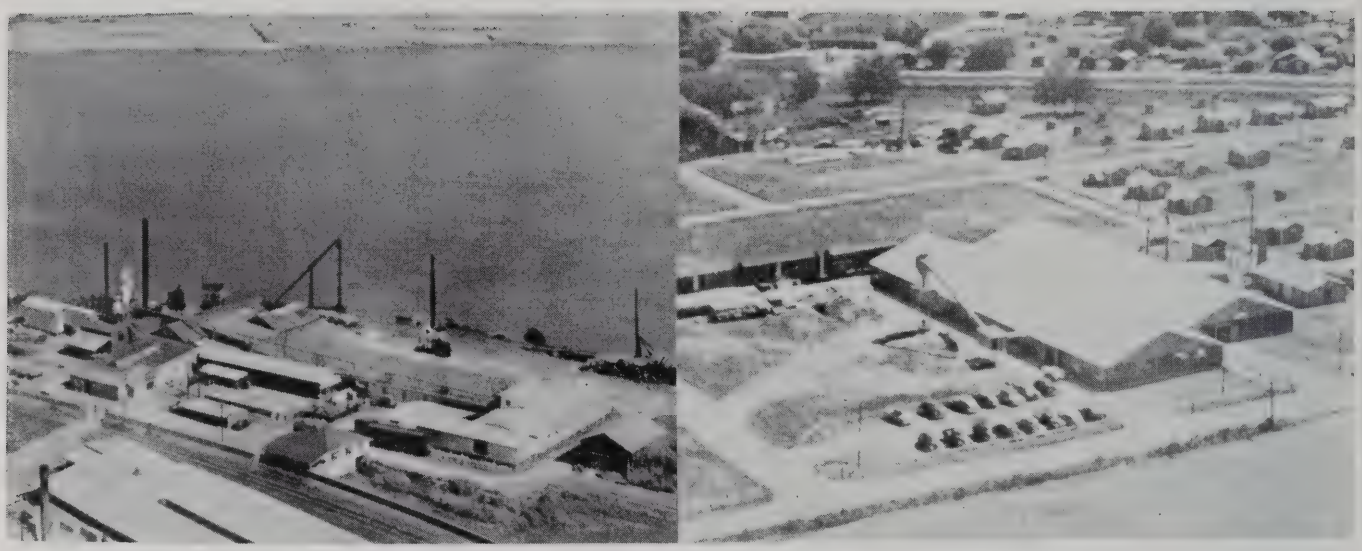
All the inhabitants of this section left abandoning their homes and possessions except the Walker and Covington families and a half breed Indian, his name not known. John Walker had come here from Kentucky in 1810, buying about 1800 acres of land. Covington owned land along the high ground of Pemiscot Bayou. The other inhabitants were so unhappy over the destruction of their property that the territorial legislature gave them land in other parts of the territory, mainly Boone, Saline and Howard Counties—whereby many land frauds were perpetrated and suits were in the courts for many years.

After the people left Little Prairie, it became known as Lost Village and as late as 1856 a Postmaster was appointed for Lost Village.

There are few records to be found between 1812 and 1856 except the activities of Hardeman Walker, son of John Walker. A sister, Melinda Walker married Dr. Robert Dawson of New Madrid. The two men were very prominent and influential in the New Madrid territory.

When Missouri applied for statehood the southern boundary was laid out on the 36°-30' parallel which excluded all of the Walker land, leaving their holdings in the Arkansas territory which was not then ready for statehood. With the aid of Dr. Dawson and other influential friends an appeal was made to Congress and the territory which is now Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties of Missouri were included in the boundaries of the new state.

Due to the ill-repute given this land by the earthquake, the low wet ground and the bayous, settlement was very slow. It was under the jurisdiction of the New Madrid authorities and was part of the New Madrid County until 1851. This fact accounts for the scarcity of local records for these years. Pemiscot Township was formed in 1839, lying south and west of Island 16. In 1834 Little Prairie township was established. In 1834 James Eastwood and wife from Pitt County, North Carolina settled here. From then on this family was very prominent in Lost Village. The records testify to his public spirit. He donated the land for the Eastwood Memorial Church and there are many of his descendants living here today.



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HISTORY OF BETZ - TIPTON VENEER COMPANY AND ITS PREDECESSORS

One of the oldest, continuous industries in this community is the Betz-Tipton Veneer Company who with its predecessors in the same line of work, has been in continuous operation since March, 1906. The Betz-Tipton Veneer Company is operating on the same site as the Dillman Egg Case Company who started operating in Caruthersville more than fifty years ago. They also manufactured veneers for egg cases and other types of boxes.

They were succeeded in 1942 by the Hobac Veneer & Lumber Co., who operated on the same spot for ten years. All three firms have had national distribution with their products, and Caruthersville, as a woodworking city, is known from coast to coast.

Betz-Tipton Veneer Company has 110 employees and their pay roll is approximately $275,000 per year. They have extensive timber holdings on the Mississippi River and supply their mills by river transportation and trucks. They also have a fleet of trucks for delivering their finished products.

The owners are Joe R. Tipton and E. L. Betz of Caruthersville.

In The Beginning . . . (Continued)

On February 19, 1851, Pemiscot County was organized out of New Madrid County with Gayoso as the County Seat. The County Court was then organized with James Eastwood elected Presiding Judge, Martin L. Stancil and Jonathan Scott as Associate Judges, Robert Stewart as Sheriff and Theodore Case, Clerk of the Court.

The question of the County levees came up in 1853. In 1850, Congress had donated land to the states to reclaim the swamp lands within the different states limits. Wm. S. Moseley, the member of the legislature from Pemiscot and New Madrid Counties opposed the sale of the land for levees, also a dispute arose over the location. It was finally located too near the river and soon washed away. Over this controversy part of the Court resigned.

In 1857 Caruthersville was laid out by G. W. Bushey and Colonel John Hardeman Walker. It was named in honor of the Honorable Sam Caruthers of Madison County, Representative in Congress, who aided in the legal establishment of Caruthersville. The first Postmaster was John G. Easby.

There was not much activity here during the Civil War years, there are no accounts of battles or skirmishes. In 1862, George W. Carleton was Clerk of the Court. Upon hearing that the Union forces located at New Madrid intended to raid the County, he took the County records out to a boat in the river and sent them to Memphis, Tennessee. They remained there until September, 1865, when they were returned. Only a few volumes were lost.

The Second Missouri Infantry (Confederate) was composed largely of men from the Counties of New Madrid and Pemiscot. It was organized at Memphis, Tenn., about July 1, 1861. Company C. was made up of men from St. Louis, New Madrid and Pemiscot Counties; Company G, Captain John A. Gordon with men from Pemiscot and New Madrid Counties; Company G, Captain Hogan with men from Pemiscot County and Company K, Captain John E. Averill with men from Pemiscot County. None of their service was in this County.

The County suffered from guerillas during the war. Finally the Federal Commander at New Madrid issued an order that if Pemiscot County did not get the guerillas under control, he would burn every house in the County. After fierce fighting the guerillas were captured in the Dry Bayou Churchyard.

The town of Caruthersville was incorporated on the 18th day of May 1874. The petition was filed with the County Court at the May term and signed by two thirds majority of the taxable inhabitants of the town, who were as follows: H. M. Ward, J. D. Hafford, Thomas J. Brackin, Fielding Bell, T. A. Bruce, C. Hafford, J. B. Faris, Wm. D. Webb, H. J. Wilks, O. P. Spencer, Phillip Crecelius, Charles Tistadt, A. F. Eastwood, J. B. Michell, J. M. McBride, James D. Tinsley, W. F. Moad, Findley Bracken, G. W. Toombs, Franklin Cunningham, R. C. Tindle, J. A. Faris and D. E. Greene.

The following persons were named as the first Trustees of Caruthersville, James D. Tinsley, Fielding Bell, J. D. Hafford, Thomas J. Bracken and Henry J. Wilks. Dr. J. D. Tinsley was elected president of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Tinsley was a son-in-law of James Eastwood, having married Susan Eastwood.

On January 9, 1877, George Stapleton was sworn in as the first Mayor of Caruthersville.

There are no records available between 1878 and 1891 probably they were burned but in 1891 three Mayors served, A. R. Sisk, W. H. Huffman who resigned and W. A. Joplin who served until 1894 when G. W. Pratt was sworn in. In 1895 R. M. Sharp became Mayor and the population then numbered 538 people. R. M. Sharp was followed by F. D. Roberts who served from 1896 until 1899 when Dr. S. H. Steele was elected. In April 1901 Dr. H. T. Byars was elected. He was succeeded in 1906 by Dr. B. D. Crowe. Then A. C. Tindle in 1908, H. C. Garrett in 1910, then followed by Dyer Byrd, 1914 to May 1922. M. L. DeReign served from 1922 until 1924 was again elected serving until 1928 when J. D. Huffman took office serving from 1928 until 1934. Dr. D. D. Pinion was elected in 1934 and served until 1942 when Dyer Byrd was again elected, serving from 1942 until the present date, 1957.

In 1898, Gayoso being imperilled by the caving river banks, Caruthersville was voted the County Seat and all records were removed there in 1899. Succeeding a wooden structure a handsome County Courthouse on Ward Avenue and Sixth Street.

In 1893, the St. Francis Levee District was organized, according to an act of the State Legislature. In the next three years this District was joined by the St. John's District on the north and the St.

FIRST STATE BANK
OF CARUTHERSVILLE

A brief history of Banking and Finance of Pemiscot County in the last fifty years, compiled by Guy E. Michie of the First State Bank of Caruthersville, touching the highlights of that period which may be of some interest to the citizens of our County.

In the compiling of some facts and figures it is probably fitting and proper that Mr. Lee W. Rood should be mentioned first as the Dean of living bankers (no longer active in the profession however) connected with the Peoples Bank of Caruthersville in 1905. Their first published statement at the Close of Business May 29, 1905, showed deposits of $26,387.93. Compare this with $16,782,816.09, the total deposits of the five banks of the County at the Close of Business December 31, 1955, and you will have some idea of the progress made in Pemiscot County in the last half century. Two banks were chartered before 1905 however, the Bank of Hayti in 1902 and the Bank of Steele in 1904.

An interesting comparison is the published statement of the Peoples Bank of Caruthersville at the Close of Business May 29, 1905, with the First State Bank of Caruthersville at the Close of Business December 31, 1955.

RESOURCES

PEOPLES BANK		FIRST STATE BANK
Cash and Due from Banks	$13,776.99	$1,407,674.63
Bonds and Stocks	00.00	2,552,357.77
Loans and Discounts	60,591.16	3,244,458.74
Overdrafts	792.79	00.00
Banking House	5,025.00	71,899.55
Furniture and Fixtures	2,200.00	40,184.29
Totals	$82,385.94	$7,316,574.98

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$50,000.00	$ 100,000.00
Surplus	00.00	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	998.01	
Profits, Dividends & Reserves		174,586.52
Deposits	26,387,93	6,941,988.46
Bills Payable	5,000.00	00.00
Totals	$82,385.94	$7,316,574.98

It may be interesting to the younger generation to know that there have been twenty-one financial institutions organized in Pemiscot County in the last fifty years, with five in the County at the present time. The following banks with the president and cashier serving at one time or another were organized in the towns of the County, and the five at the present time are as follows:

	President	*Cashier*
Peoples Bank, Caruthersville	Lee W. Rood,	J. D. Huffman
Pemiscot County Bank, Caruthersville	William A. Ward,	A. C. Tindle
Citizens Trust Company Caruthersville	F. J. Cunningham,	J. W. McCloskey
Bank of Caruthesville, Caruthersville	J. H. McFarland,	Earl J. Long, Sr.
First National Bank, Caruthersville	Chas. A. Tistadt,	James J. Long
Bank of Cooter, Cooter	T. S. Cooper,	P. S. Payne
Citizens Bank of Hayti, Hayti	Fred Morgan,	Chas. P. Wells, Jr.
Farmers Bank of Hayti, Hayti	T. P. Russell,	Arch S. Russell
First National Bank, Steele	L. M. Brooks,	A. B. Rhodes
Cotton Exchange Bank, Steele	J. S. Gossom,	Max L. Kelley
Farmers and Merchants Bank, Steele	W. A. Crockett,	George A. Lamb
Holland Exchange Bank, Holland	W. R. Samford,	J. M. Holt
Holland Bank, Holland	James E. Cohoon,	W. A. Oates
Bank of Wardell, Wardell	R. L. Warren,	D. L. Owens
Bragg City Bank, Bragg City	E. L. Johnson,	Lester V. Bailey
Bank of Tyler, Tyler	J. M. Crockett,	Huey Michie

The five financial institutions of the County now are:

	President	*Cashier*
First State Bank of Caruthersville	J. L. Van Ausdall,	Horace Dunagan, Jr., Executive Vice Pres.
National Bank of Caruthersville	Hershell W. Bess,	A. B. Rhodes
Bank of Hayti	S. P. Oates,	Bessie Hedge
Bank of Steele	P. S. Payne,	Mrs. L. D. Payne
Farmers Bank of Braggadocio	E. C. Speer,	Frank L. Long

Probably the oldest bankers from the standpoint of service in the County are: Frank L. Long, Sr., of the Farmers Bank of Braggadocio, P. S. Payne of the Bank of Steele and Guy E. Michie of the First State Bank of Caruthersville.

In The Beginning . . . (Continued)

Francis Levee District in Arkansas on the south. This levee was not quite adequate and in the 1896 flood it broke just south of Caruthersville. From that time until now the St. Francis Levee District has added to, built and maintained a levee that has withstood all high waters, a record of Mississippi River levees. The Sea Wall was built in 1917 and later added to in 1933.

Louis B. Houck built the first Railroad from Cape Girardeau, through Kennett and across the swamps to Caruthersville, reaching here in 1896. In 1899 the railroad was built south and eventually both lines were sold to the Frisco.

The first schools were private subscription schools of which there are no available records. In 1871 the Caruthersville Educational Society bought land along East Third Street and Bushey Avenue for a school. At one time there was a log school house on what is now the Methodist Church Grounds. At a later date two different school buildings were located on the Southeast corner of Walker and Fourth Streets. This location was vacated when the school moved out Ward Avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets during the Superintendency of Lee W. Rood. We now have six modern school plants with an enrollment of two thousand one hundred and twenty (2,120) students.

In 1922 the Caruthersville Woman's Club appointed a Committee composed of Mrs. Frank Dillman, Mrs. R. L. Ward, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Tom Worden, Mrs. Hugh Tistadt, Mrs. S. P. Reynolds to organize a Public Library. In 1923 this became a tax supported library organized under the state laws. The first board being appointed as follows: Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Tom Warden, Mrs. R. L. Ward, Mrs. Frank Dillman, Mrs. S. P. Reynolds, Mrs. Hugh Tistadt, J. W. McCloskey, J. M. Reeves and J. R. Moore.

"Southeast Missouri, Pemiscot County—is no longer a land of liquid mud." If the spirits of Francois LeSieur, fearless French trapper and John Hardeman Walker, eccentric old pioneer, who was most emphatic in his desire not to ever become a citizen of Arkansas, could come back again to the land they loved—land they helped to reclaim from a wilderness—they would never recognize it."

St. Louis Star, March 5, 1922.

This was the past, today is the present—tomorrow who knows except the promise of the past and those who made this promise come true.

Centennial Committees . . . (Continued from Page 3)

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Memorial Section

The Centennial Committees thought that as we are celebrating our 100th Birthday with joy, laughter and visiting with friends it is only proper and befitting to remember those that won't be with us.

GOD has chosen to CALL some among us in all families.

Those absent in our community have played an important part in our history and the growth of our town and county. Our prayers of THANKS are said for THEM.

Though not here during this time the love of some of their families have made the following pages possible by their contributions to their memories.

TO ALL LOVED ONES THAT GOD CALLED, whether the name appears in this book or not, YOU ARE LOVED AND SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

SOME DAY WE SHALL ALL MEET AGAIN.

In Memory:

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Fisher, W. N.
Gallian, Mrs. Mary E.
Garrett, Cleo.
Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. George B.
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Moore, James R.
Murphy, Pfc. John Clint.
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Patmor, Sarah Henry.
Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H.
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Randolph, Mrs. Althea.
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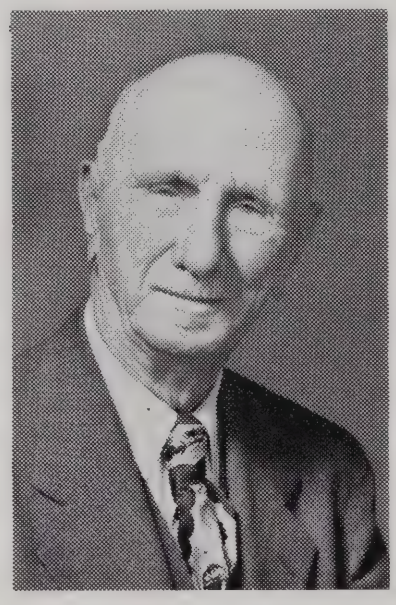

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Geo. T. Glozier, Asst. Engineer

Sterling P. Reynolds, who is 95 years of age, has served the District since 1900 in the capacity of Chief Engineer. The veteran flood-fighter has devoted his life to the development of Levee protection and Drainage in this area. After the Levee Break of 1897, under his supervision, there have been no further crevasses. He is and has been a member of the Board of Supervisors of Little River Drainage District since its organization in 1907, and at present its President.

In 1893 the St. Francis Levee District was organized under the leadership of Dr. J. J. Williams of Point Pleasant, under an Act of the Missouri Legislature and by 1896 a levee averaging 7½ Ft. in height was built from Point Pleasant to the Arkansas State Line.

In 1913 the District was re-organized under an Act of the Missouri Legislature. Under the 1893 Act the District was unable to borrow money and which was provided for the 1913 Act.

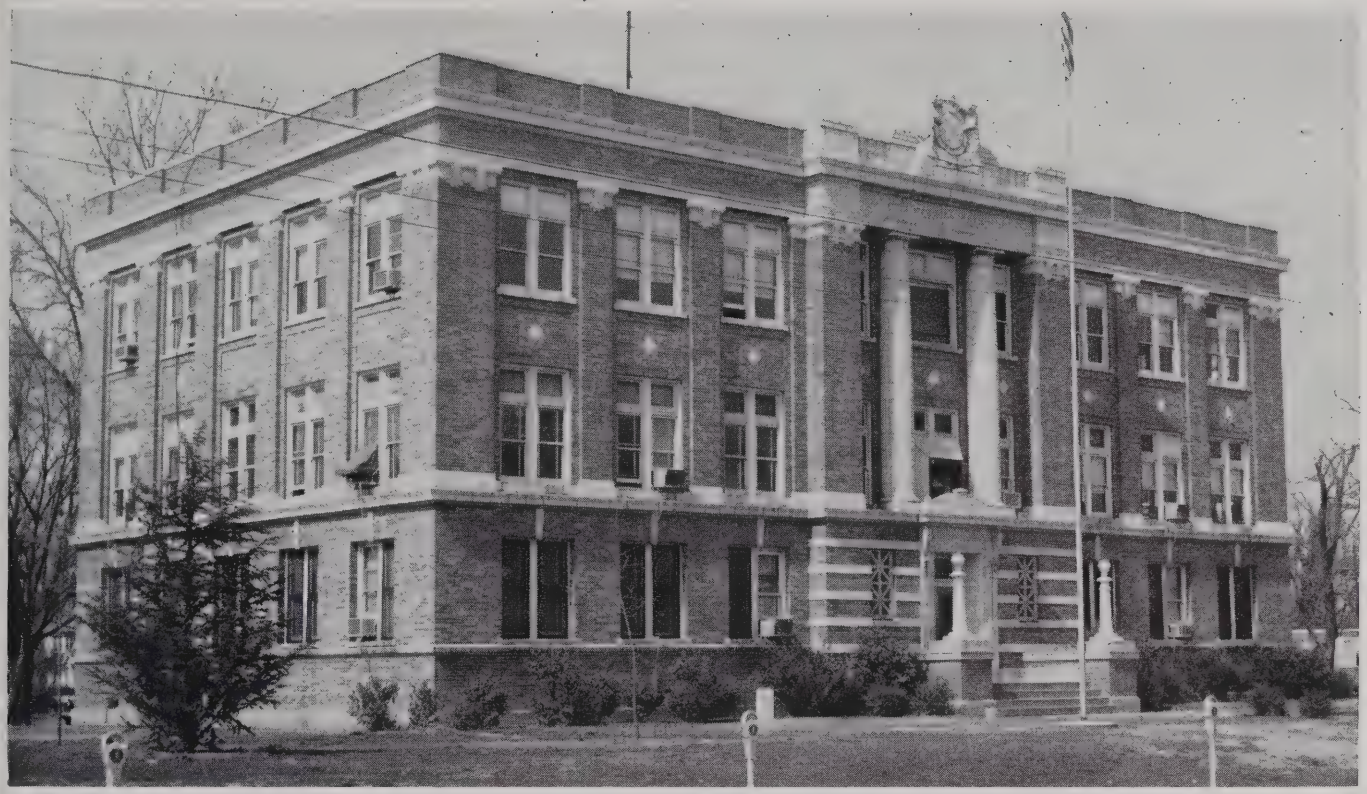
The District's boundaries include: 66,000 Acres in New Madrid County; 47,000 Acres in Dunklin County; 275,000 Acres in Pemiscot County. Total approximately 388,000 Acres.

Under the re-organization the District issued and sold approximately $2,000,000 in Bonds, final payment of which was made in 1955.

The highest tax rate since re-organization was 3% and the lowest is ½ of 1% (current rate) of the Assessed Benefits, or a reduction of 83-1/3%.

The total expenditures of the District from 1893 to 1956, according to the U.S. Engineers' records, amounts to $4,428,523.74.

At the present time the Levee averages 19 Ft. in height and is up to Government grade and section and practically all caving banks along the River are protected by concrete revetments.



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Magistrate Judge ..... Sam J. Corbett

Probate Judge ..... N. C. Hawkins

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Sam L. Buchanan

Alonzo P. Kersey

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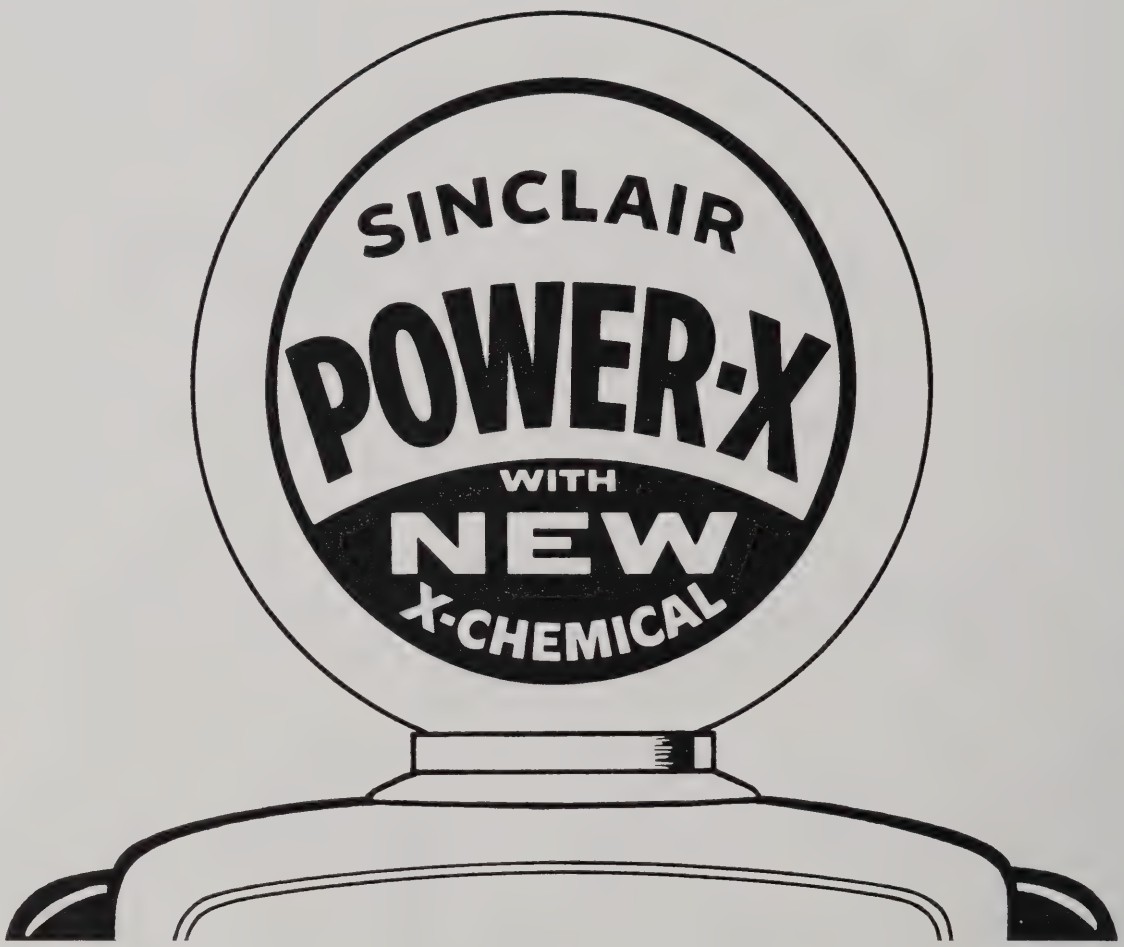

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George W. Bushey (Established)	Jan. 7, 1854.
Name Changed to Caruthersville	Dec. 11, 1856.
John G. Easby	Aug. 27, 1858.
George W. Bushey	Oct. 1, 1858.
John G. Easby	Jun. 29, 1859.
George W. Bushey	Aug. 29, 1860.
Discontinued Jan. 6, 1864.	
Fielding Bell (Re-established)	June 15, 1866.
Joseph Snow	Nov. 20, 1866.
Discontinued Jun. 19, 1868.	
Finley Bracken (Re-established)	Jul. 23, 1868.
Discontinued Dec. 9, 1868.	
F. T. Bracken (Re-established)	Dec. 28, 1868.
William C. Findley	Jan. 8, 1869.
George W. Tindle	Sept. 28, 1869.
F. Bell	Nov. 15, 1871.
John W. Green	Dec. 14, 1885.
Joseph B. Latshaw	May 10, 1887.
John O. Tinsley	Oct. 4, 1889.
Charles G. Shepard	Jan. 30, 1890.
S. G. Slute	Mar. 31, 1893.
Stephen H. Steele	Apr. 6, 1893.
Mack Stubblefield	Apr. 23, 1897.
Rufus B. West	Jun. 18, 1898.
Fred T. Jackson	Feb. 19, 1900.
Charles A. Crow	May 19, 1902.
J. E. Duncan	Jan. 14, 1909.
Robert G. Crow	Dec. 20, 1909.
L. E. Phlieger	Jan. 12, 1914.
William H. Wilks	Aug. 27, 1916. Acting.
William H. Wilks	Dec. 20, 1916. Regular.
Gertrude Mc Elvain	Dec. 18, 1918. Acting.
Harvey E. Averill	Apr. 5, 1920.
Paul L. Horner	Jan. 25, 1922. Acting.
Paul L. Horner	Sept. 8, 1922. Regular.
Bailey F. Brooks	Feb. 4, 1934. Acting.
Bailey F. Brooks	Mar. 4, 1936. Regular.

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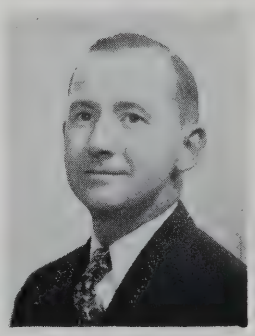

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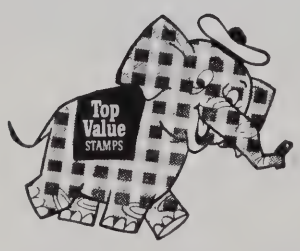

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Our Churches

We take great pride in presenting the Churches of Caruthersville. Along with the great progress in industry, education, farming, and business, has come great progress in our churches and the spiritual life of our community.

As you will see by the pictures, some of the finest buildings of our town have been built and dedicated to the service of our God. These buildings stand as memorials to the faith and devotion of our people. Gifts of sacrifice and born of love built these buildings.

All of our churches are not represented in this book. There are approximately twenty churches in Caruthersville. Those represented contributed to the publication of this book.

The religious convictions of our people extend back to the beginning of our history. The hands that carved a settlement from the woods and swamps of Southeast Missouri, also built houses of worship out of the finest virgin timber and dedicated them to the service of God. This religious fervor has continued through our one-hundred-year history, and has produced the fine growing churches we have today.

We feel a great debt of gratitude to our forefathers for having blazed the trail of faith, and it is to them, as well as the hundreds of devout worshipers of today, that we dedicate this section of our Centennial Book.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Sanders	12-1907 to 5-1908
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Rev. D. K. Foster	1918-1945
Rev. Vernon Sisco	1945-1952
Dr. S. G. Shepard	1953-1955
Rev. Guy D. Magee	1955-

ORGANIZED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1897

PRESENT MEMBERHIP 1145

The First Christian Church

The First Christian Church was organized in 1917 under the direction of an evangelist, Bro. House.

The first worship services were held in an upstairs room in the 500 block of Ward Avenue. Later the congregation moved to a frame, one-story church building at 604 W. 6th St. Mrs. Amanda Martin donated a piano and $100 for building repair.

Among the charter members were Sarah Dispennett, Dr. Walter Garrett, Kennie and Cecelia Hepler, J. C. and Gertrude Hudspeth and Amanda Martin. Several of these are now deceased. Gertrude Hudspeth Lee lives in St. Louis and Amanda Martin Shepard is still active in the local congregation. Among the early membership are found the names of Aquino, Arnold, Coppage, Davis, Edwards, Hall, Johnson, Lewis, Medlin, Nevil, Neeley, Pollock, Sharp, Smith, Stroud, Wahl, Watson and Westerman. The first trustees were J. C. Hudspeth, J. W. Chandler, W. G. Phelps, and W. L. Pullam; the first clerk was Mrs. Vashti Warden; the first elders were J. C. Hudspeth, J. W. Chandler and A. P. Blanchard; the first deacons were W. O. Clevidence, W. G. Phelps, W. H. Mulliniks, A. D. Martin, Sr., and C. E. Rickard.

In 1918 the membership was increased during a tent revival held by J. Murray Taylor.

W. C. Wright was called to be the first resident minister Nov. 1920. About this time E. T. Aldridge, H. W. Cain, Sr., L. B. Grisham, J. W. McCloskey, J. A. Mulliniks and W. L. Scott were added to the board.

The 6th Street building was sold in 1924 and a frame building was erected on three lots at the Southeast corner of 9th and Ward. This building was dedicated September 1924 by J. Murray Taylor. It was soon found necessary to add classrooms. A baptistry was also added being financed by R. O. Sharp. This building served for thirty years during which time there were several ministers.

In 1950 the building fund was $10,000. A brick parsonage was erected on the lot facing 9th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lee Sennett and daughter, Mary Lucy, occupied this parsonage on January 3, 1951. At that time there was a membership of 115. In the six years Mr. Sennett has been the minister, 105 have been added to the church membership.

By December 1952 the building fund was $25,000 and plans were made to begin construction of a church building which became a reality August 1953. It is of Georgian design 36 x 70 feet with the educational wing extending to 48 feet. On the first floor is the main auditorium with a seating capacity of 175, the Ina Smith adult classroom, so named as a memorial to Mrs. Smith who taught this class for 37 years, the church office, minister's study, nursery and rest room. The balcony has a seating capacity of 100. The full basement has an auditorium, Bible School rooms, kitchen, 2 rest rooms, utility and heating plant. The cost was about $60,000 on which there is now an indebtedness of only $4,000. It was dedicated September 5, 1954. Lee Carter Maynard was the dedicatory speaker.

Johnnie Lee Sennett is minister, Charles Malin Bible School superintendent, Roy Lucy assistant superintendent, Lettie Neeley church pianist, Shari Martin Bible School pianist, Eddie Walton secretary, Frances Hiller assistant secretary, Jean Cain treasurer. There are 8 Bible School teachers. The present board members are J. W. McCloskey, Chairman, L. B. Grisham, Secretary-Treasurer, H. W. Cain, Sr., C. C. Neeley, Dr. Philip Aquino, Dr. Floyd Cain, H. W. Cain, Jr., Harry Darr, Hugh Finley, David Johnson, Delmas Martin, Will Medlin, Dick Neeley and Chas. E. Watson.

The Church Of The Nazarene

C. K. Gortner, Pastor

In 1901 Rev. Hall organized an Independent Holiness Church in Caruthersville and a church building was soon erected at 1518 South Ward. In 1907 the congregation joined with other Holiness bodies of the Eastern, Central, and Western parts of the United States that formed what was then called the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

In 1930, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Smith, the congregation started a building fund for a new church. Lots were purchased in the 200 block of West Tenth Street. The old building was torn down, a parsonage was built, and a church with full basement was completed in 1932. This building was remodeled, redecorated, and covered with red brick under the leadership of Rev. Curtis F. Cook in 1954.

Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth & Ward Avenues

Caruthersville, Missouri.

Sunday Masses:	7:00 and 10:00 A.M.
Weekday Masses:	6:30 and 8:30 A.M.
Saturday Masses:	7:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Property donated by Mr. Clement and Sally Nanson, of St. Louis, in 1877.

First Church of Sacred Heart built in 1893, enlarged in 1897. Present church dedicated in 1913.

Sacred Heart School dedicated in 1905; replaced by new School 1956.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner Seventh and Carlton
CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

Proclaiming
A Gospel
Which Is Eternal
and yet
Contemporary

Organized, 1895, with 9 charter members

Women's Organization began in 1897

Sunday School organized in 1899 with 15 members.

Original building erected in 1900.

Present building erected in 1927 with erection of additional educational building in 1948. Property valuation, at present, $175,000

Present membership: Church, 275; Sunday School, 285.

The Church Of Christ

The local congregation of the Church was started in Caruthersville on June 20, 1911 on West Sixth Street. The trustees of the Church of Christ were W. D. Pullen, J. W. Chandler, J. C. Hudspeth and W. G. Phelps.

In 1922 the congregation started meeting in private homes with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Baird, Charles McCord and family, Mrs. Ella B. Hunt and Mrs. Cassie Mangrum. Later they rented the Odd Fellows Hall above Sawyers Drug Store where the church met until 1940 when a frame building was erected on a lot purchased at 11th and Carleton Avenue.

There were about 25 members at the time the frame building was constructed. In 1948 the auditorium of the present brick structure was built during the time that Brother Bill Smith was minister of the church. The frame building was moved to the back of the lot and continued to be used for classrooms. In 1952, the two-story educational building and baptistry were added during the period that Brother William B. Kughn, Jr. was minister.

At the present time there are about 300 members. Brother Don Johnson is serving the congregation as minister. The elders are C. T. Baird, Denver Fike and Don Davis. The deacons are Eric Taylor, Glen Figgins, J. J. Richardson, Dewey Lusk, Elmer Crockett, Chester Moore, Alva Cleveland, Ira G. Woodward and Perry Alexander.

Services are conducted each Sunday with Sunday School at 9:45 A.M., Communion and Worship at 10:45 A.M.; Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. during the winter months and at 7:30 P.M. during the summer; Wednesday night Bible Study at 7:30 P.M.

The public is always invited to the services of the church.

It Could Have Looked Like This!

We have no picture of the log school house where the Methodist Circuit Rider, Rev. John Headlee, preached when he came to the bend in the river now known as Caruthersville in the year 1846. But he left a small class of people known as Methodists who have persisted and grown to an approximate membership of 800 persons. John Headlee, like Abraham, believed in a God "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist." This is the Pioneer Faith which the present Eastwood Memorial Methodist Church continues to hold for her community, that under God "the best is yet to be," and that our hope is still in a faith which "calls into existence things that do not exist."

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 1938

Set in order as a Soverign Assembly May 14, 1951.

Affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri.

The Assemblies of God as a movement are: Missionary in Spirit, Fervent in Worship, A Co-operative Holiness, Fellowship.

919 Laurent Avenue — Idama Keeton, Pastor

CHURCH OF GOD

The Church of God was organized in Caruthersville in February 1940.

Presently located at Seventh and Cotton Avenues. Present Pastor:

Rev. Ernest Moates — Phone 1615

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel, Blytheville, Arkansas was founded during the early 1920's by a small group of Jewish families from Blytheville and the surrounding communities in Northeastern Arkansas and Southeastern Missouri Services were first held in private homes and halls until 1925, when a smaller Jewish Community House was built in Blytheville, in which this group grew in numbers and with the determination to build some day a Temple which would serve as a center for the Jews in this section of the country. In 1945 Dr. Alfred Vise was elected as rabbi of Temple Israel, a position which this most revered religious and civic leader still holds until today. Under his spiritual leadership and with the enthusiasm of all the members, a New Temple was dedicated in 1947 which as a House of Prayer, of Religious Teaching and of Social Gathering is now the center of a flourishing Congregation with its members in a radius of nearly 100 miles in Arkansas and Missouri, and which serves through its rabbi as an outstanding factor in bringing Good Will and better interfaith relations to the communities in general. At the present time the Board consists of Richard Jiedel, Blytheville, president, Nathan Weinberg, Osceola, vice-president, Joe Kohn, Hayti, treasurer and Florence Feinberg, Blytheville, secretary. Among the members of the Board of Directors at the Temple and of the B'nai B'rith Lodge are today from Caruthersville Perry Cooperman, a past president of the Temple and an outstanding religious leader, with his three sons Harold, Jack, and Irvin, who with their families and other Jewish members from Caruthersville are taking an active part in every Jewish religious and charitable work.

Patrons Page

Baird, Mr. and Mrs. C. T.
Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. M.
Bay, Mr. and Mrs. John F., Jr.
Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. P.
Bigham, Mrs. Clara Latshaw
Bloker, Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
Bracey, Mr. and Mrs. I. D.
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Crysler, Mr. and Mrs. William, Sr.
Daulton, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn
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Hutchison, J. Ralph, Sr.
Hutchison, J. Ralph (Jack) Jr.
Hutchison, Elizabeth, Carey
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T.
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Lauck, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus
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McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Bob
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Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. George K.
Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. James M.
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McCoy, W. R., M.D.
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CHIROPRACTOR:

Bird, Carl B., D.C.

CENTENNIAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, 1957

"Parade Of Progress"

9:00 A.M. ..... Registration of Visitors at Centennial Headquarters

9:30 A.M. ..... Carnival Open Day and Night Except During Parade.

2:00 P.M. ..... Huge Patriotic and Historical "Parade of Progress" Featuring Bands, Marching Units, Antique Vehicles and Decorated Floats. Line of March from High School to Third and Ward, thence to Carleton and Disband at Grade School.

4:00 P.M. ..... "Free Show" . . . Up Town

7:30 P.M. ..... Presentation of Kings and Queens . . . Coronation of the Centennial King & Queen, at Fair Ground.

8:00 P.M. ..... Pageant . . . "Legend of Caruthersville" . . . At Fair Ground.

9:30 P.M. ..... Square Dance Contest at Free Show Stand on East Fifth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1957

9:00 A.M. ..... Registration of Visitors at Centennial Headquarters.

9:30 A.M. ..... Carnival Open Day and Night Except During Parade.

10:00 A.M. ..... Baby Contest . . . Ages 1 to 3 Years. Prizes for Prettiest and Cryingest Boy and Girl.

11:00 A.M. ..... Greased Pig Contest . . . Courthouse.

2:00 P.M. ..... Youth Parade . . . "Future Citizens of Tomorrow!" Entries from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, F-F-A and FHA. Prizes for Best Costumes . . . Best Decorated or Most Unusual Pets . . . Best Decorated Bicycles or Wagon. High School to Frisco Park.

4:00 P.M. ..... Free Show . . . Up Town.

7:30 P.M. ..... Sisters of the Swish . . . Fashion Show . . . Fair Ground.

8:00 P.M. ..... Pageant . . . "Legend of Caruthersville" . . . At Fair Ground.

9:30 P.M. ..... Square Dance Contest at Free Show Stand on East Fifth.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, 1957

"Industrial and Good Neighbor Day"

9:00 A.M. ..... Registration of Visitors at Centennial Headquarters.

9:30 A.M. ..... Carnival Open Day and Night Except During Parade.

9:30 A.M. ..... Industrialists Tour of County

12:00 P.M. ..... Luncheon for Visiting Industrialists . . Dignitaries.

2:00 P.M. ..... Industrial Parade Featuring New and Old Types of Equipment, Old and New Cars, Industrial Floats and Visiting Dignitaries from Near and Far.

4:00 P.M. ..... Free Show . . . Up Town.

7:30 P.M. ..... Introduction of Dignitaries . . . Fair Ground.

8:00 P.M. ..... Pageant . . . "Legend of Caruthersville" . . . At Fair Ground.

9:30 P.M. ..... Square Dance Contest at Free Show Stand on East Fifth.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th, 1957

"Farmers Day"

9:00 A.M. ..... Registration of Visitors at Centennial Headquarters.

9:30 A.M. ..... Carnival Open Day and Night Except During Parade.

9:30 A.M. ..... Beagle Hound Races . . . Over Levee . . . Near Casting Field.

10:00 A.M. ..... Chopping Contest . . . At American Legion Fair Grounds.

11:00 A.M. ..... Tractor Pulling Contest, At Fair Grounds.

2:00 P.M. ..... Farmer's Parade . . . With "Shine Patrol" Plus Old Timers, Saddle Clubs, Buggies, Surries, and Covered Wagons, Yokes of Oxen etc. . Parade starts at High School . . . Disbands at Grade School . . . . 11th St. Side.

4:00 P.M. ..... Old Fiddlers Contest . . . Courthouse.

4:30 P.M. ..... Free Show . . . Up Town.

7:00 P.M. ..... Shine Patrol . . . At Fair Ground.

8:00 P.M. ..... Saddle Clubs Show At Fair Grounds.

9:30 P.M. ..... Square Dance Finals . . . . Up Town on East Fifth St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th, 1957

"Friendship Day"

MORNING ..... Church of Your Choice . . . . All Churches Welcome Visitors.

2:30 P.M. ..... Tug of War . . . Brothers of the Brush vs. Clean Shaven . . . At Fair Grounds.

3:00 P.M. ..... Credits . . . Centennial Chairman.

3:15 P.M. ..... Prizes for Oldest Man & Woman. Prizes for Person from Farthest Distance. Prizes for Largest Family. Prizes for Beards . . . Ladies of the Swish.

4:30 P.M. ..... Singing of Auld Lang Syne . . . Invitation for Everyone to Return in 2007 for Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Alternates for Kings and Queens

Ted Streete

Diana Daulton

Nicky Dunagan Glenda Miller

Jimmy Hendricks

Diane Cantrell

Centennial Royalty

Top—1 Skipper Lawrence
2 Beth De Hoff

Center—1 Kay Burns
2 Jerry Caruthers

Bottom—1 Eddie Ailor
2 Gay Gallian

. . . and a hundred happy returns

Happy Birthday, Caruthersville. We're happy to join our fellow citizens in celebrating this first Century of Progress in our thriving community. A hundred years is a long time, and there are a lot of memories stored up in the minds of those who have lived here, worked here, and made their contribution to the growth and development of our town and our area—which makes it especially fitting that we pause and reflect for a moment . . . . . celebrate this memorable occasion . . . . . and, perhaps, give thanks for the many good things that are ours.

Our homes, our churches, our schools, our good neighbors and fine friends . . . . . and with them all, the many privileges that we enjoy in this "Land of the Free." All these—and every one of them—give just cause for jubilation, ample evidence that a commemoration is in order.

Although Reddy Kilowatt—like most of us—wasn't around here way back when this area was first developed, he's here today, plenty strong, to help us celebrate and to provide the power for continued progress. Joining with Reddy are the several hundred men and women behind your electric switch—your friends and neighbors—who say "Congratulations, Caruthersville, on your progress and prosperity of the past. Happy Birthday . . . . . and a hundred happy returns."

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The Ward Family

Dr. Hardin M. Ward was born Dec. 11, 1821 in Clinton, Ky. He grew to manhood in that vicinity. Attended the University of Louisville and received his Medical Degree from the same school in 1844. He practiced his profession around Hickman, Ky. and Wolf Island, Missouri for several years. He was representative from Mississippi County, Mo. two terms. In 1852 he married Mary Jane Allen of Wolf Island and lived on Wolf Island. In 1854 he purchased a large tract of land from Arthur Eastwood, Sr. and moved his family to this community in 1855. He built a large home over-looking the Mississippi river as most Southern homes were built at that time. The site of the old home has long ago caved in the river, but it would be just 25 or 50 ft. south of Powell's Ferry. He devoted his time practicing his profession and clearing his land for farming uses. Dr. Ward and Mary Jane had 8 children but only three lived to adulthood. W. A. Ward, Henrietta Ward and Martha Marie Ward. The two older children have passed away leaving Martha Marie who was born in 1863 and has lived her entire life in Caruthersville, only the last year of the war between the States, as the Yankees kept Dr. Ward on the run through Ark. and Miss. trying to catch him for aiding and abetting the Confederates, he could only stay at home short periods of time so he took his family with him the last year. The Yankees took his home and lived in it until the war was over. Martha Marie went to the local schools, they only lasted three or four months a year, then they with a few children of other families had a private teacher. Their little school-house stood in the side yard and the other children came to the Ward home for school. Martha's father passed away when she was 12 years of age, but her mother lived on at the home place till her death about 5 years later.

When Martha was about 14 she went to the Ursuline Academy at Arcadia, Mo. As transportation was bad in those days Martha could not come home when her mother died. In 1882 Martha Marie Ward married Frank Leslie Ferguson of Dyersburg, Tenn. here in Caruthersville. Frank's family came from Dyersburg to the wedding, they had to cross the Miss. in a skiff, as there were no ferries in those days. They started their home in what is now the oldest house here. You know it as the Dennis Green house, but to her it is the Barcroft house. Then it faced the river, but Mr. Green moved it to its present site, to get it to higher ground, it was moved before the sea-wall was built. Frank and Martha had 4 children, who all grew to adulthood in Caruthersville. In 1892 they built a large home on the farm, which is now in the heart of the city. About this time W. A. Ward, Henrietta Schult and Martha Ferguson thought of clearing up their land making room for the town to grow on the west side and foreseeing the great agricultural advantages of Pemiscot Co. Frank Ferguson started a saw mill and cleared the farm land as it stands today. The city is now building a fine school building on some of the old Ward land that he cleared and put in cultivation. Martha Marie was a great lover of music, spent much of her spare time as she went through life teaching children music. She taught her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephew and and great-nephews, also many children who could not for lack of money, learn music. When she was in her 70's and 80's her hearing became impaired. During the second world war she gave her piano to the Malden A. F. Base. She has always been civic minded and loved her town. When

Mrs. Frank Ferguson, oldest native born resident of Caruthersville.

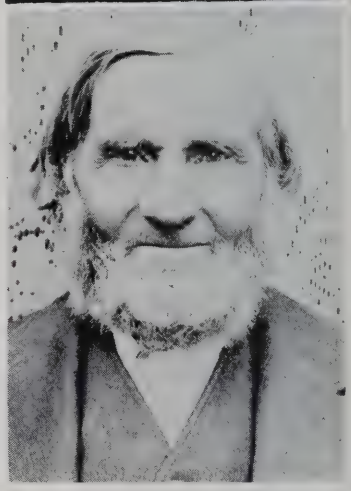
the town was incorporated, Ward Ave. was named for Dr. Hardin M. Ward, Ferguson Ave. was named for Frank L. Ferguson, Henrietta Ave. for Henrietta Schult, her sister and Schult Ave. for H. C. Schult her brother-in-law.

When Martha Ward was 15 she became a member of the Catholic Church, and has spent her life furthering its cause. At that time there was only one Catholic family living here and she has lived to see her Church grow into a large parish. Also she has seen the town change from mud streets and roads to concrete, oil lamps to electricity, horse back and wagons to automobiles, from pumps to running water in the homes and from fire places to central heating. But she often talks of the old days and some advantages they had that we do not.

Martha and Frank's children are; Marietta deceased, Elizabeth, Leslie and John. Her grandchildren are; Frank Allen Daniel, Col. J. L. Daniel, Marie Huffman Garrett, Betty Huffman Neeley and John A. Ferguson, Jr. The great grandchildren are; Joan Daniel Myer, Mary Ellen Daniel, Marie Daniel Durkin, Sue Daniel Crawley, James L. Daniel, 3rd, Kate Garrett, John Edwin Garrett, Judy Neeley and Jane Neeley. The great, great grandchildren are; Sandra Myer, William Leslie Myer, Martin Durkin and Mary Durkin.

Frank Ferguson died Sept. 19, 1940 at the age of 82. At the age of 93 Martha lives in her home, which is at the same location that the old home place was. She spends her time cooking, writing letters, sewing, making scrap books for the orphan homes and never has time for all the things she would like to do. She lives a happy contented life. Some of her children and grandchildren live close by and also some of the great grandchildren, which she enjoys very much. The great great grandchildren she has not seen, as they live so far away, but expects to in the near future.

The Wilks Family



John Wilks was born in Yorkshire, England, June 21, 1820. He came to the United States in 1836, and located in Ohio. In 1859 he came to Pemiscot County with his brother Robert, as fur trappers. They took up farming, clearing their own land six miles from Caruthersville. His wife, Lavina Johnson, was born in New Albany, Indiana, March 27, 1829. Five children were born to this union. Henry, William, Mollie, Myrtle and George.

George, the youngest son, was born on October 23, 1855. He married Margaret Alice Burris, who was born in Indiana June 17, 1857. He farmed his land on Chute 16, near his father's homestead, where he and Mrs. Wilks lived until their passing, a year apart, his being April 11, 1937, her's on August 28, 1938. In the early 1900, he served as County Judge, and he was a Democrat in politics. To them were born eleven children: Alice, Myrtle, John, William, Maysel, Seena, George, Frank, Ernest, Lavina and Margaret. George and Alice Wilks lived only in their original house, which was built in front of the levee, often having to move the family and furniture upstairs until the high water, which swept through the lower floor from the Mississippi, receded to its banks. The living sons, John and Ernest, tell of their grandfather's experiences with Frank and Jesse James and their band of outlaws. One time the band camped near the Wilk's orchard. A heavy snow had fallen on the ground and the James brothers bought supplies of meat, canned foods for the men, and hay and corn for the horses. Years later, at the County fair, Frank James told their grandfather that they were hiding there because they had robbed a bank at St. Joseph. Their grandfather often talked of the last of the gorillas, or carpet baggers. While crossing a bridge going to and from his farm on Black Island, Mr. Wilks would recall that a band of gorillas had been killed in a battle that took place under that same bridge.

Decendants of George and Alice Wilks are eight living children, eighteen grandchildren, and thirty-seven great grand children.

The Huffman Family

Jesse Huffman (born 1822 in Virginia) arrived with eight brothers on foot from Carroll County, Tenn. and settled at Cottonwood Point in 1840. Jake, a twin moved south and founded Huffman Ark. Frank Huffman opened a general store at Cottonwood Point. Jess's first employment was cutting wood for passing steamboats. With his savings he bought land for general farming and later bought some slaves. About 1850 Jesse built the first cotton gin in Pemiscot County. Jesse was at one time Judge of the County Court and in 1873 represented Pemiscot County in the State Legislature.

William H. Huffman was born to Jesse and Melissa Huffman in 1853. William operated a trading boat and general mercantile stores. In 1886 he purchased the Bell-Tistadt General Mercantile in Caruthersville. He was primarily interested in the development of the St. Francis Levee District and was president of the Levee Board in about 1897 when the levee broke south of Caruthersville. William married La Vinnia Phillips and of this marriage was born Carl and Jessie Beatrice.

Jessie Beatrice Huffman was born in 1882. In 1901 she married R. F. (Bob) Coppage who later owned and operated Ward Coppage Mercantile Co.

Carl Huffman was born in 1879. He married Cora Sherrill and to this union was born four girls; Hazel, Joyce, Erma and Ava Nell. Carl invested in land and operated a cotton gin and a mercantile store. In 1913 Carl and his family, with the exception of Joyce, were killed in an auto train wreck in California.

Joyce Huffman was born in 1902. In 1922 she married J. R. (Ralph) Hutchison. One son, J. R. (Jack) Hutchison Jr., was born in 1924. Jack married Frances Elizabeth Carey in 1948 and to this marriage was born Frances Elizabeth, Carol Leslie, J. R. (John) Hutchison III and Jane Lynn.

The Franklin Johnson Cunningham Family

Franklin Aaron Cunningham, Kentuckian by birth, who owned and operated a trading boat on the Mississippi between Concordia, Ky., and New Orleans, came to Pemiscot County in 1856. After touching Caruthersville a few times, he decided to settle here. He went back to his birthplace, near Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and the following year returned and bought land. In 1859 he went to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and returned with his bride, Mary Esther Johnson.

They located in what is now Caruthersville and operated a store on what was then called Grand Cote Road-now termed The Kings Highway. The home stood on the sight where the Robert's house now stands.

Mr. Cunningham bought thousands of acres of this wilderness and swamp land—being farsighted enough to look ahead and see its future. He was among the first pioneers to help in the colossal project of draining this rich and fertile land. Those who finished the job many years later have been credited with one of the biggest engineering projects of our country. After his death his four sons and one daughter continued his work.

To Mr. Cunningham and his wife were born five children: Sally Melissa Cunningham, (wife of Frank Davis Roberts), John Aaron Cunningham, Charles Lee Cunningham, Franklin Johnson Cunningham, and Clinton Hardin Cunningham.

The four brothers were pioneers in land development. They operated sawmills to clear their land holdings and later developed the cleared land into fertile farm land. They were pioneer builders of the first railroad in this section which ran from Lilbourn, Missouri, to Luxora, Arkansas. They were aided in this project by St. Louis capitalists. At one time, they operated the largest department store between St. Louis and Memphis. They also organized and old Citizens Trust Company, of which Franklin Johnson Cunningham was the President. The brothers also organized and built the first compress in this county.

Franklin Johnson Cunningham was married on January 8, 1892 to Miss Harriett Curtner, a member of a pioneer Braggadocio family. To this union were born five children:

Mrs. Edward H. (Ruth Ellen) Stadler, of St. Louis, Missouri, Franklin Cunningham, Jr., (deceased), Howard Putnam Cunningham, Mrs. Harry

(Anna Edna) Baker, and Mrs. Richard A. (Harriett Demetra) Medcalf.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Cunningham are: Margie Cunningham Long Werth, and Sarah Cathryn Stadler, daughters of Ruth Ellen Cunningham Stadler.

Franklin Johnson Cunningham III, son of Franklin Johnson Cunningham, Jr. and Nellie Baily Cunningham.

Howard P. Cunningham, Jr., (Killed in action overseas), Earl Ellis (Mike) Cunningham, Susan Jane Cunningham, Children of Howard P. Cunningham and Lorene Ellis Cunningham.

Demetra Ann Baker Ross, daughter of Anna Edna Cunningham and Harry Baker.

Richard Cunningham Medcalf, Gene Franklin Medcalf, William Griffith Medcalf, sons of Harriett Demetra Cunningham and Richard A. Medcalf.

Great-grandchildren are: Mike Green, son of Sarah Cathryn Stadler and Robert Green.

Henry Edward Werth, Sarah Cathryn Werth, Robert Duncan Werth and Ellen Werth, children of Margie Long and Henry C. Werth.

Charles Guy Ross, Harry Baker Ross and John Stephen Ross, (twins), children of Demetra Ann Baker and Charles G. Ross.

Jane Madison Medcalf, daughter of Richard Cunningham Medcalf and Marion Madison Medcalf.

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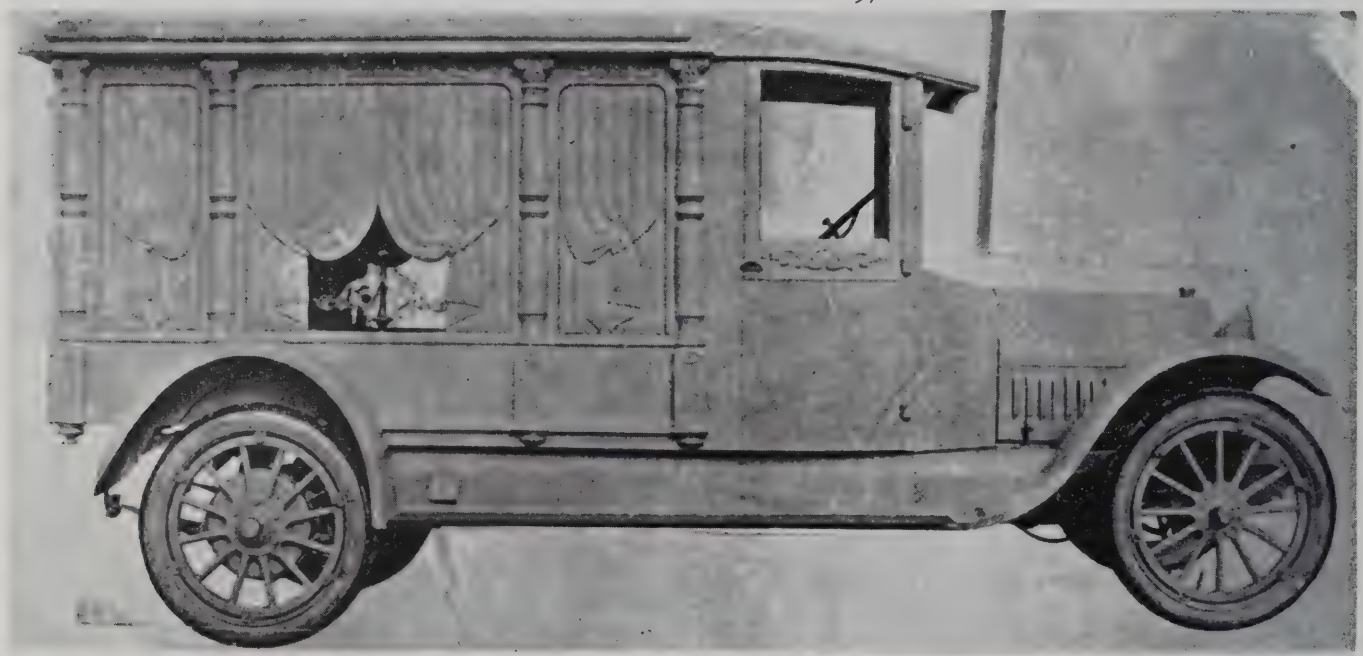

First Auto Hearse in Caruthersville-1918

First Air Conditioned Ambulance-1956

H. S. Smith
Funeral Home

H. S. Smith graduated from Winchester Normal at Winchester, Tennessee and entering the first class in Mortuary Science at Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 23, Mr. Smith received his embalming license at graduation, being No. 18 from that state. He entered the undertaking business in 1897 pursuing his profession in Petersburg and Columbia in the state of Tennessee for a number of years.

In April 1918, Mr. Smith with his wife and daughter moved to Caruthersville bringing with him the first automobile Hearse in Pemiscot County. It was a 4-cylinder Studebaker, manufactured by a St. Louis firm, and one of the first of its kind in Southeast Missouri. Mr. Smith faced many hardships and long hours of labor during his life-time, especially during his first year, being the closing year of World War I and the signing of the Armistice.

March 1919, J. R. Moore, a close friend of Mr. Smith, opened a Cemetery, which was named Maple Cemetery by H. S. Smith, who was made Superintendent. Later he became owner, and took much pride in keeping it as a beautiful place for the departed.

His whole heart was set on giving the people of Caruthersville and Pemiscot County the very best. He dedicated his life to their service and seemed never to tire in his efforts to serve and assist in times of sorrow and bereavement.

As time went on, Mr. Smith purchased new equipment, always feeling that his clientele was entitled to the best the market afforded. The establishment now uses three Cadillac ambulances, with the latest being equipped with air-conditioning and oxygen for emergencies.

It was in 1933 that Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the latter his constant helper and companion, decided that a new home for their business was necessary, they having been located for more than sixteen years in the Wahl building on West 3rd Street. Their business was removed to their present modern and convenient establishment which they planned and built, at 808 Ward Avenue.

On December 19, 1943 at the age of 69 years Mr. H. S. Smith had to travel "the road" whereon he had helped his many friends and acquaintance in their hour of sorrow when their loved ones traveled the same "road."

After his leaving, Mrs. H. S. Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Smith Fike operated the Funeral Home until Mr. Denver Fike returned from the service of World War II, when he joined with them to carry out the traditions of the firm.

On June 13, 1956 God called another one of His Children, Mrs. H. S. Smith to travel "the road" whereon she had helped many in their hour of sorrow.

Today, Mrs. Lucille Smith Fike, her husband, Mr. Denver Fike, and their son, Howard Fike, (who is married to Jane Bader and they have an 8 mo. old son Howard Bader Fike) are endeavoring by their efforts, to perpetuate the life-long desires of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Smith to continue to serve and carry out the traditions of the firm. This, they are sure, was Mr. and Mrs. Smith's wish and desire, to continue to serve the people of Caruthersville and Pemiscot County that all have loved since becoming one of them 39 years ago.

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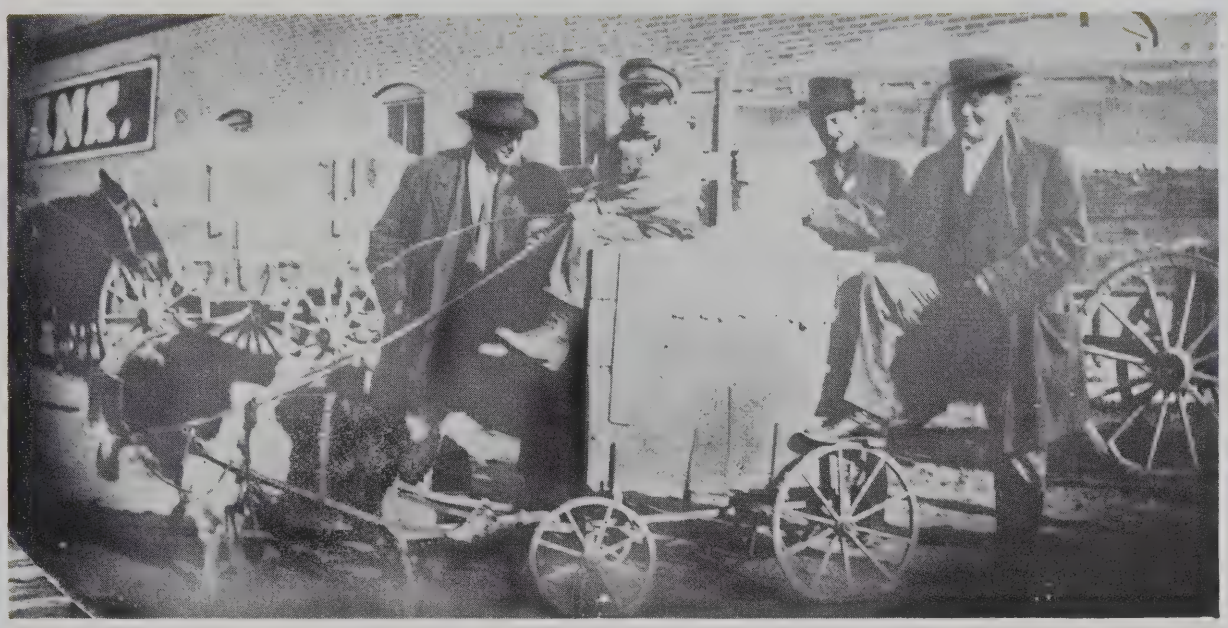
We as members of the Cooter Lions Club, as individuals, and as citizens of this community wish to extend our heart-felt congratulations to you on your one hundredth birthday.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Lynn,
President.



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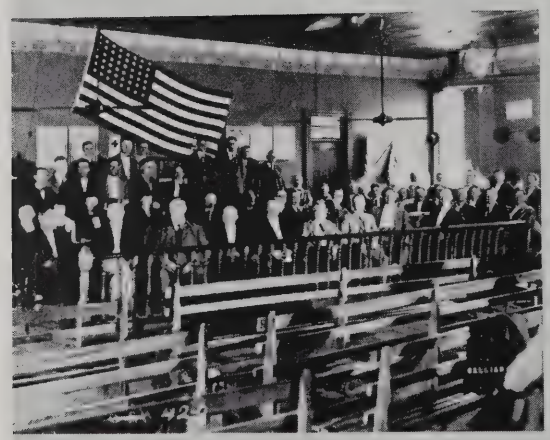

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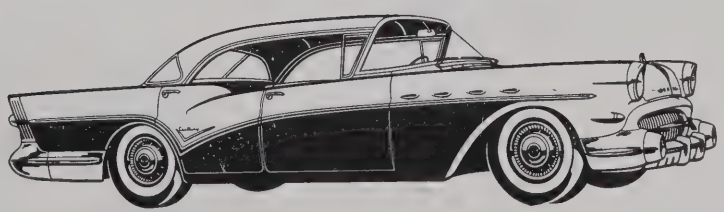

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The business was purchased in 1945 by L. A. Richards, Leo Hedgepeth and Noel C. Dean, with Mr. Dean as Director, at which time the business was located at 509 Ward Avenue, but in 1946 was moved to the stately home at 712 Ward Avenue which it now occupies.

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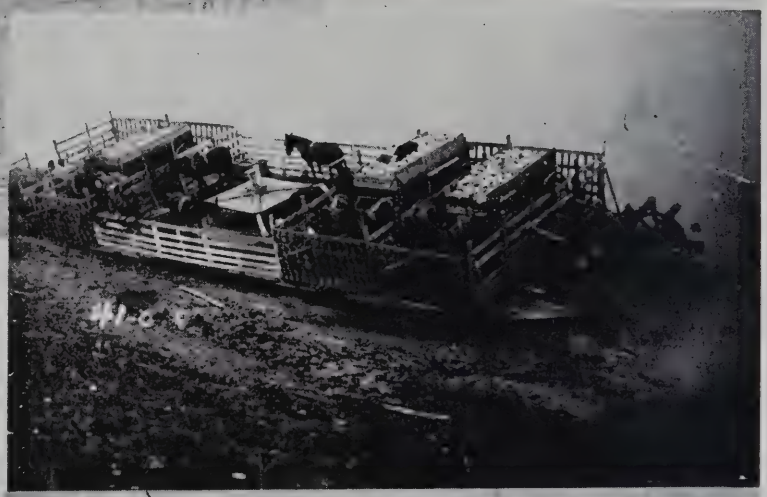
Old Scenes



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In the early 1900's The Globe Clothing Store was a part of the Ward-Coppage Mercantile Company, which was located at the present site of the Trader's Mercantile Company and The Globe Clothing Store.

In 1915, Chris Mehrle, who had been employed by the firm for about five years, purchased the mens' apparel stock and fixtures and continued operation under the name of The Globe Clothing Store. Mr. Mehrle's partner was Senter Reiney, who was a member of the firm until his death in 1931.

The Globe Clothing Store has occupied the same location, with the exception of the years 1920 and '21 when Mr. Mehrle lost the lease on the building. He was forced to move to the Sawyer Building, where the Stanfield Jewelry Co. is now located. A year later, he purchased the building he was forced to vacate, which in the mean time had been occupied by another men's clothing firm. He has remained in the same location since that date.

In 1932 Robert and Paul Mehrle became members of the firm with their father which continued until 1947, when Robert disposed of his interests in the firm to Cyril Hendricks, a son-in-law of Mr. Mehrle. This partnership still continues.

In the past 42 years The Globe Clothing Store has undergone three modernization programs, which has kept it constantly in step with the times. Through its 42 years of existence, The Globe Clothing Store has offered only quality men's apparel at fair prices to which Mr. Mehrle attributes the success of the firm.

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In 1901 he went into train service for the Frisco Railroad, and by 1905 he was in passenger service. From then until 1926 he was Conductor on "The Ham Train", a daily local run that originated in Campbell (Dunklin County) and terminated in Caruthersville, via Kennett, Senath, Leachville, (Arkansas) and Hayti.

When this local run was discontinued, Mr. Ham continued in passenger service for the Frisco between St. Louis and Memphis on The Memphian and The Sunnyland, stopping at Hayti, until he retired in November, 1944.

He passed away in December, 1949 and is buried in Maple Cemetery at Caruthersville, a town he had known and served for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his widow, Roxie B. Howard Ham, St. Louis, Mo. (a sister of the late Mrs. H. S. Smith), five daughters and a son, and 12 grandchildren. The children are Ellenor (Mrs. Eric Taylor of Cottonwood Point), Evelyn (Mrs. Russell Glaser of St. Louis), Eddith (Mrs. Howard Bevelhymer of Wichita, Kansas), Elizabeth (Mrs. H. N. Andrews, Jr. of St. Louis), Frankie Sue (Mrs. Alan S. Hicks of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.), and Alex C. Ham, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia.

PROGRAMME.

DEDICATION EXERCISES

OF THE

Pemiscot County Male and Female Academy.

Caruthersville, Mo., Oct. 1st, 1889.

MORNING EXERCISES.

1st. Song.

2nd. Religious Exercises, by Rev. R. M. Morgan, of Hayward, Mo.

3rd. Song.

4th. Introduction, by Hon. Geo. W. Carleton, of Gayoso, Mo.

5th. Mixed Schools, from 11 to 11:30 A. M., by A. M. O'Quinn of Bragg gadocio, Mo

6th. Song.

7th. Reciprocal duties of Parents and Teachers, from 11:30 to 12 M., by Rev. J. A. Workman of New Madrid, Mo.

8th. Song.

9th. Normal Sc[illegible] and General Education, from 12 M. to 1 P M., by [illegible] E. Barnard, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

10th. Song and Dismissal.

AFTERNOON EXERCISES.

1st. Song.

2nd. Religious Exercises

3rd. Introduction, by Judge H. J. Wilkes.

4th. The Present Age Demands Education, from 3 to 3:30 P. M., by Hon. Marshal Arnold, of Benton, Mo.

5th. Song.

6th. Female Education, from 3:30 to 4 P. M. by Rev. W. S. Boyd, of Shannon County, Mo.

7th. Song.

8th. Closing Exercises, by Prof. J. T. Clark, of St. Louis Mo.

9th. Song and Dismissal.

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Catholic School, Caruthersville, Mo

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1—Programme-Dedication Exercises-Pemiscot County Male and Female Academy. 2—First Catholic High School. 3—Mrs. Mary Faris Crider, Member of first high school graduation class-1897. 4—Remember-Caruthersville grade school. 5 Pemiscot County Male and Female Academy, East Third Street on site of present Ralph Hutchison Home. 6—Prof. and Mrs. Lee Rood. 7—Academy Christmas Programme-1892-Building burned five minutes later, no one injured. 8—Students of Academy.

This You Should Know

The first telephone was put in use in 1884 or 85 by J. D. Latshaw and Frank Ferguson between their places of business. This system had no bells and no way of attracting attention but people thronged for miles around to see it. In 1894 Dr. M. H. Hudgings formed a Mutual Company with fifteen members and located the Central Office in J. T. Fields' Jewelry Store. In 1895 the line was strung along the levee to help safeguard it in the high water.

Eliza Ruddle Hale, grandmother of Mrs. Lonnie B. Markey of this city, was born in 1816 between Caruthersville and New Madrid, Mo., and moved with her new husband, Wilson B. Hale, to land south of Caruthersville in 1832. She died in 1908 at the age of 92 after having spent a long and interesting life in this immediate area.

The stories she told her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren held them spellbound on many rainy afternoons and gave their harassed mothers time to relax.

Their favorite stories follow: "A tribe of Indians lived in the wooded lowlands between the Mississippi River and the great mounds southwest of Caruthersville. They were freindly to the Hale family and often asked advice of Grandfather Hale. He often officiated at their weddings. He had no official title but did lend an air of officialdom with his ceremony to the occasion. Weddings were never performed in cloudy or rainy weather. If the date arrived and the sun was not shining the wedding was posponed until the weather changed."

"Indians came from many directions and spent the days dancing and feasting from a communal pot of wild game and fresh or dried vegetables according to the season. Grandfather Hale did not like the "greasy pottage" but was often forced to eat out of courtesy."

"The Indian bride was usually very shy and understood little of the ceremony, but it was a big moment in her life. Her dress was often incongrous but the spectators took that as a matter of course. Following a few days of feasting the group suddenly disappeared and the woods became still again until the tribe came out for another celebration."

"Grandfather Hale sold cordwood to the steamboats going up and down the Mississippi. Once during each summer, he with older male members of the family and several neighbors, took a flatboat load of fuel to New Orleans and brought back supplies for the little colony here. Grandmother Hale and the younger children were left alone in the one room log cabin on the banks of the river, during the long weeks that he was away."

"This particular rainy day, a group of young Indian braves, who had secured whiskey from some source, came to the cabin. Grandmother hurriedlly herded her young children into the loft and pulled up the ladder and buttoned down the heavy trapdoor. She took the conch shell and blew several long blasts which was the signal used by Grandfather to call the Chief."

"The Chief arrived in a short while and tied the braves under the dripping eaves of the cabin in the pouring rain. They soon sobered up and the family was safe again."

Grandmother Hale was the mother of 13 children. Two of her sons served in the Civil War as did several of her sons-in-law. She has descendents living here today. Mrs. Markey of this city, Mrs. R. L. Morris, Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Atty. Paul L. Hale of St. Louis, Mo., are grandchildren and J. Thos. Markey is a great grandson.

The Ruddle family was captured by the Indians, when rescued, the two boys—John and George had been carried off towards the Mississippi. When they grew up they settled in this neighborhood—each one of them owned a lot in Le Petite Prairie.

There is much about them in Houck's History of Mo.

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After graduating from Missouri University and School of Pharmacy, his son John W. Sawyer, Jr., came into the business, and they have continued to operate the store at the same location. Total time of ownership from 1911 to 1957, being forty-six years.

To him and his wife Maysel were born twins, John Sawyer, Jr., and Mary Frances Sawyer Hopke, and to them were born two daughters each—Linda and Kathy Hopke—Ann and Patty Sawyer.

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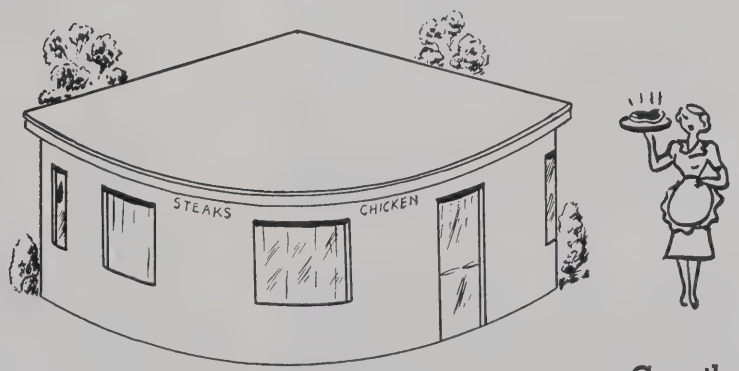

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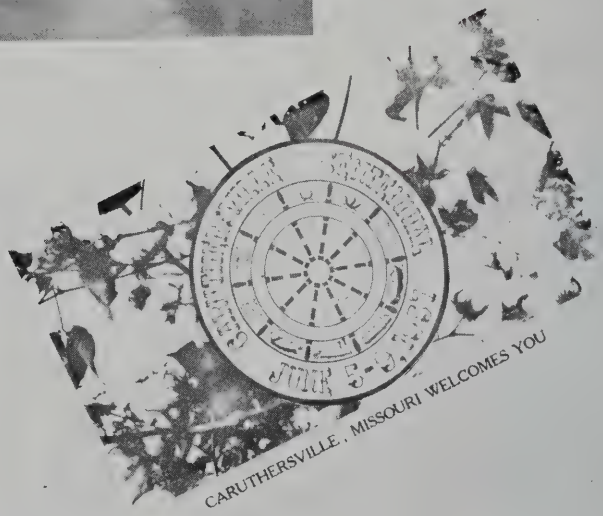
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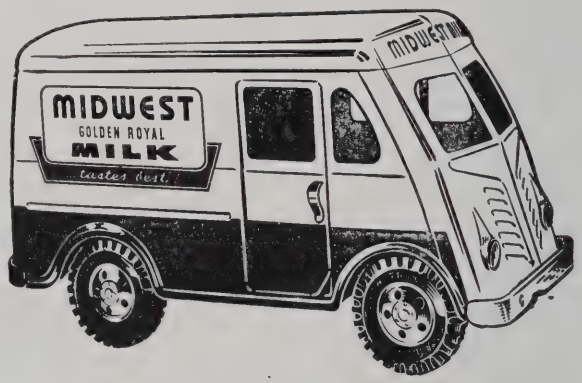

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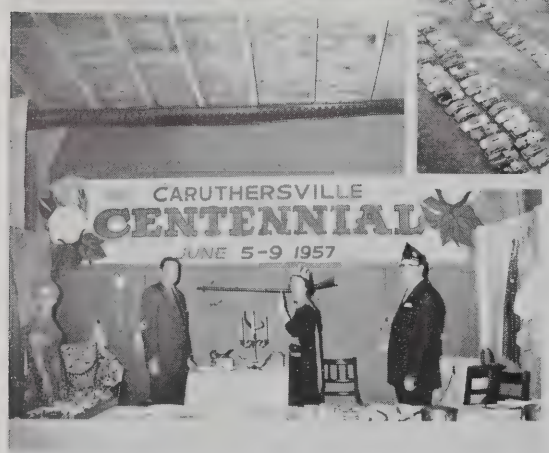

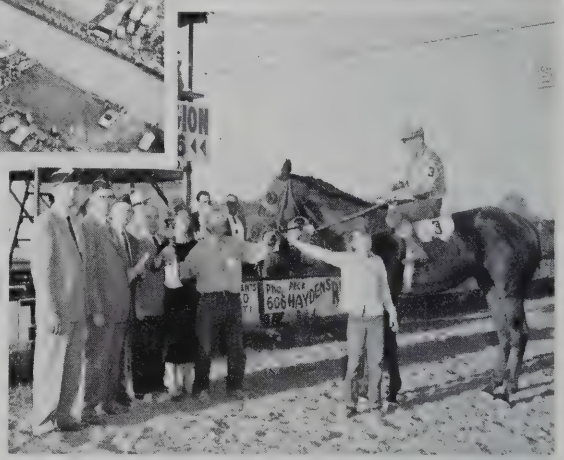

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The history of the American Legion Fair is a saga of the application of aggressive group effort kindled by co-operative community spirit and enterprise. So successful has been the annual veterans undertaking that it today ranks as a regional exposition rather than a county festival.

The fair will make its 24th annual run this year, and during the last 23 years the event has grown to the point where it attracts a large attendance from at least four states—Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Attendance usually runs up to 50,000 each year. The fair is unique in that, while it has attracted some outstanding guests, its most distinguished has been the Hon. Harry S. Truman who, as President of the United States, attended the event in 1945. He returned again in 1953. Other outstanding guests were United States Senator Stuart Symington in 1955 and United States Senator Thomas C. Hennings in 1956.

The Pemiscot Post No. 88 of the American Legion, though a non-profit civic corporation, assumed the physical properties of the fair from the old Pemiscot County Fair Association in 1934. At that time the association, having experienced declining revenue from the annual event, due to the depression, was considering selling the fairgrounds for farmland and quiting.

The board of directors of the Legion post stepped into the breach and purchased the fairgrounds, obligating themselves personally for several thousand dollars.

During the last 23 years the fair became highly successful, with the revenue derived after operational and overhead expense being used to retire the debt and make improvement to the ground. During 1957 the fair board plans the installation of new modern entrances to the grounds, redecoration of the exhibition hall, and improvements to the parking area.

For the 1957 fair the officers and directors are James T. Ahern, president; Guy E. Michie, vice-president; George W. Brown, treasurer; Harry E. Malloure, secretary-manager; James M. Reeves, J. R. Hutchison, Jack Dowdy, Norman Shain, Nathan Wood and Max Sturm, directors.

The American Legion Fair is a part of the history of American Legion Post No. 88, so brief review of the post is in order. The post was chartered in September, 1919, its first name being Pierre S. Phillips Post No. 88, so named in honor of a young attorney who died in service. About a year later the post's name was changed to Phillips-Hudgings Post No. 88, the name Hudgings being added in honor of Clay T. Hudgings, a Marine who was killed in action in France in World War 1. He was the son of the late Dr. M. H. and Mrs. Hudgings. American Legion posts also were organized at Hayti and Steele, but after a few years they were merged with the post at Caruthersville and the name changed to Pemiscot County Post No. 88, since it covered the whole county.

The post, over the years, has had a numbe rof community and civic projects and programs, including service during the 1927 and 1937 floods, Boy Scout troops, oratorical contests, junior American Legion baseball, Memorial Day observances, Boys' State and considerable service work among veterans. Its principal project, however, is the annual American Legion Fair. Membership in the post runs from 200 to 500.

Officers of the post for 1957 are as follows: Commander, Max Sturm, Hayti; first vice-commander, Charles O. Haubold, Portageville; second vice-commander, Jack Dowdy, Steele; third vice-commander, Jim Ed Reeves, Crauthersville; fourth vice-commander, Harry K. May, Caruthersville; Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Joseph H. Huels, Caruthersville; finance officer, Van L. Johnson, Caruthersville; historian, J. Ralph Hutchison, Sr., Caruthersville; adjutant, Nathan Wood, Caruthersville; service officer, Murray Zarecor, Caruthersville; sergeant-at-arms, Willard P. Russell, Hayti.

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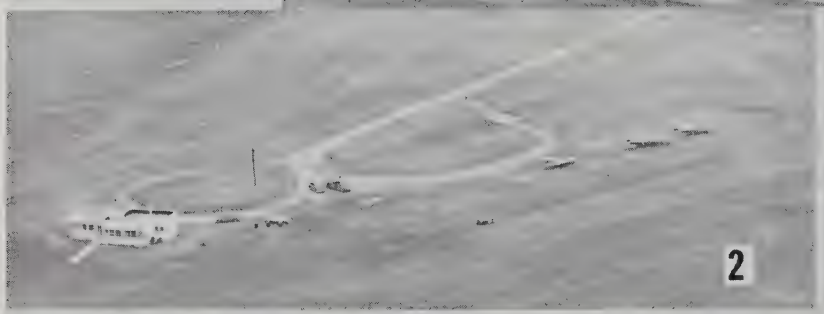

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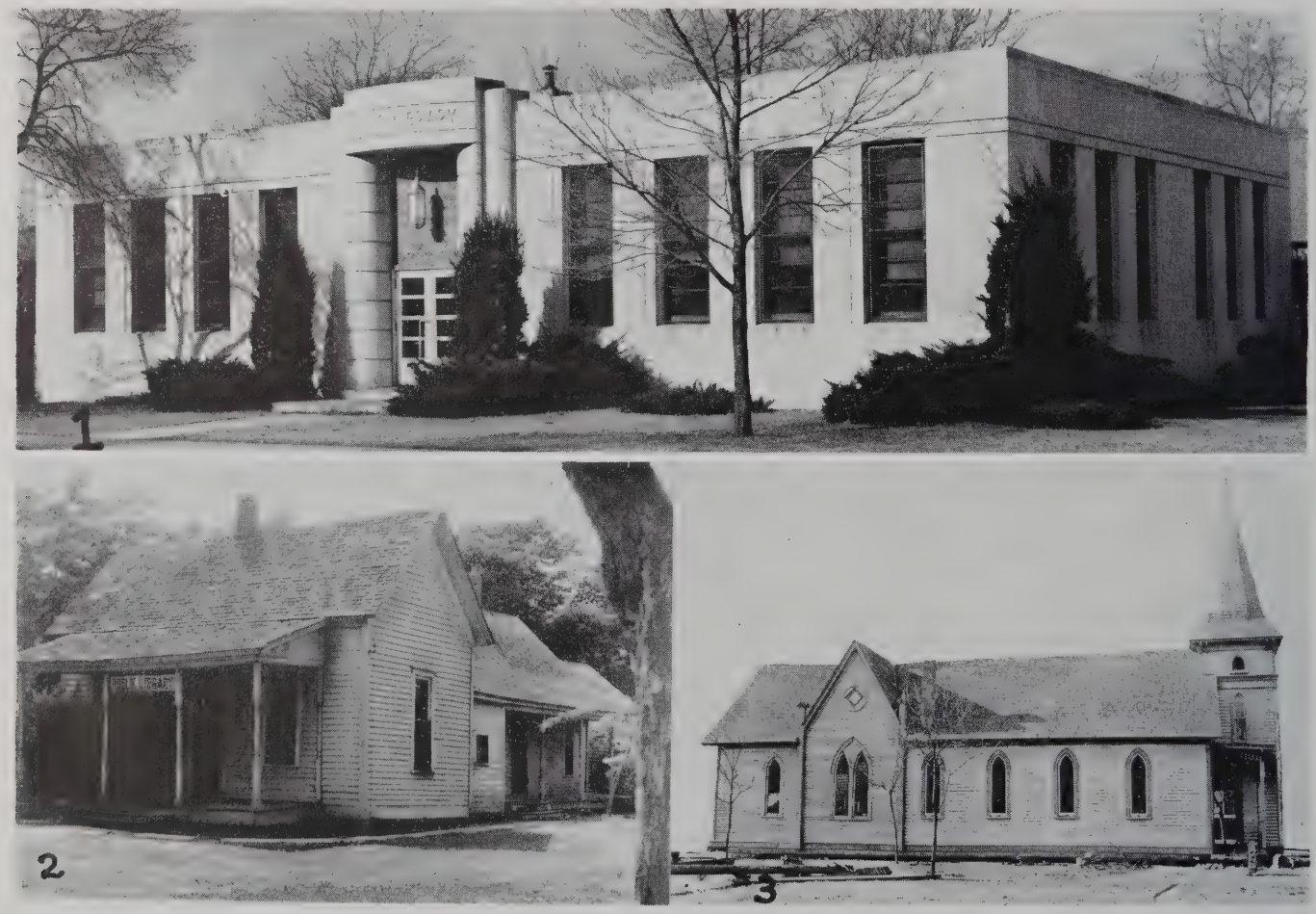

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Through a series of teas, showers, cake and candy sales and contributions from friends and well-wishers, the library grew to about 600 volumes in the first few months, and for one year the club members served as librarians. Within a year a total of 1400 books was listed. The library has continued to expand to its present 10,000 volumes.

In June 1922, a children's hour was begun and has been continued each summer. This was the beginning of the splendid children's room which is now a major part of our library, and a decided asset to our children in conjunction with their school studies.

In April 1923, a special tax was voted and the library moved to larger quarters in the Lacey Building on Fourth Street. Mrs. Zula Stephens Fowlkes was the first paid librarian and the library was now open four days a week.

In 1925, the Library Board bought the lot at the corner of Tenth and Ward Avenue, remodeling the old dwelling there to be used temporarily. In 1938, a special bond issue was voted by the city.

On April 17, 1940, the library had its formal opening in the new building in its present location, with Mrs. Donald V. Magee as librarian and a Board composed of Mrs. Hugh A. Tistadt, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Pinion, Mrs. Frank Dillman, Mrs. R. L. Ward, Sr., Mrs. S. P. Reynolds, Mr. James T. Ahern, Mr. J. W. McCloskey, and Mr. James M. Reeves. The library was furnished in part by gifts from local organizations and friends of the library. In recent years the library has been the recipient of many memorial books and one complete section has been given over to this growing custom of memorials to loved ones. Annually the SEMO Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club add a valuable book as have other organizations from time to time.

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"The Mound"

There is one spot in Pemiscot County where a centennial celebration could have been held many centennials ago —The Indian Mound. Next to Ol' Man River, undoubtedly The Mound is the most familiar landmark to Pemiscovians of this, and all preceeding generations. What native does not recall this familiar legacy of a lost race? What visitor has not eyed it curiously while traveling along Cottonwood Road, which deferentially changes its course to sweep around The Mound, leaving it intact and unspoiled, about four miles southwest of Caruthersville.

The ancient race that is commonly known as the Mound Builders has long since disappeared but it left behind many of these laborously constructed earthen hillocks in the Mississippi Valley. Our Mound is one of the largest of these. It must have been a thing of curiosity to many generations of white men for the finding of ancient French coins on the site would indicate early European visitors, most likely during Spanish and French ownership of the territory.

The site of the Mound was acquired by the State of Missouri from the United States by patents issued in 1856 and 1866 and the first individuals to own the property were William B. Goble and Burrell Hill. These gentlemen paid a total of $300.00 for 240 acres! Successive owners were Wyatt and Martha Mooring, Granville and Caroline Hayes, James R. Edsall and Green F. Anderson. Among Mr. Anderson's survivors are his daughters, Minnie Anderson (Mrs. O. C. Stanley) and Ada Anderson (Mrs. C. E. Murphy). Mrs. Stanley now lives just north of The Mound and Mrs. Murphy is a resident of Caruthersville.

Strangely, while The Mound looms high above the surrounding countryside its summit is five feet less than the elevation at the Maple Cemetery in Caruthersville, a fact which tends to disprove the common theory that the mound was built as a refuge from high water.

Some desultory exploration and excavation has taken place in the past and a number of pottery vessels and other artifacts have been removed and are in scattered hands. Recently, a scientific exploration was commenced by the Archaeological Department of the University of Missouri, assisted by the Missouri Archaeological Society. This has not been completed by any means but preliminary findings at The Mound and at several other sites in the county have given rise to the theory that there was an extensive pre-Columbian, or Indian, civilization in the area and that The Mound was its capital and the likely seat of its government, and religious center. Further examination is expected to confirm this. A smaller burial mound southeast of the large mound has yielded for study more than seventy-five burials made approximately five hundred years ago.

Built of our good Pemiscot County earth, The Mound has stood for centuries to witness the progress of the county. Protected, it will stand for many more centuries. May we hope that the spirits of those first Pemiscovians who built it will see improvement in the future to match all that has come since they left The Mound.

INDIAN MOUND

The Indian Mound, Pemiscot County, Missouri, is located on the line between Section 36, in Township 18 North of Range 12 East, and Section 31, in Township 18 North, of Range 13 East, approximately 1.6 miles South of the town of Game (Stubtown).

Section 36-18-12 was patented by the United States to the State of Missouri by Patent No. 3, dated August 22, 1856.

Section 31-18-13 was patented by the United States to the State of Missouri by Patent No. 8, dated July 26, 1866.

The State of Missouri patented Section 36-18-12 to Pemiscot County, Missouri, on November 1, 1875.

The State of Missouri patented Section 31-18-13 to Pemiscot County, Missouri, on December 24, 1876.

The Southwest Quarter of Section 31-18-13, containing a part of the Mound was entered by William B. Goble on January 30th, 1857, by certificate of Entry No. 480 for $200.00 for the 160 acres.

The North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36-18-12, containing a part of the Mound, was entered by Burrell Hill on April 2nd, 1855, by certificate of Entry No. 185, reciting a consideration of $100.00 for the 80 acres.

On January 6, 1860, Burrell Hill and wife sold a small tract in the NE¼ of SE¼ of 36-18-12 to Wyatt Mooring, and on September 6, 1872, the Hills sold to James R. Edsall another small tract adjoining the Mooring tract that adjoined the Mound.

On February 28, 1859, William B. Goble and wife sold their interest in the SW¼ of 31-18-13 to Wyatt Mooring.

On July 15, 1869, Wyatt Mooring and Martha Mooring, his wife, sold their lands acquired from Goble and Hill to Caroline Hayes.

On August 31, 1871, Granville M. Hayes and Caroline Hayes, his wife, sold said land to James R. Edsall, who had been the purchaser of the tract from Burrell Hill in 1872, shown above.

Between November 4, 1871, an April 3, 1877, James R. Edsall died, and the lands he owned were sold to Green Anderson.

In 1885, the administrator of James R. Edsall's estate made a deed to John A. Cunningham, who thereupon, through his next friend, Franklin Cunningham, brought suit in ejectment against Green F. Anderson for said lands. This suit was decided in favor of Green Anderson.

Green F. Anderson died on the 23rd day of June, 1905, intestate, and according to the papers in the Probate Court, left as his heirs, the following persons:

Susan C. Anderson, his wife;
George W. Anderson, a son;
Cora E. Anderson, a daughter:
Minnie L. Anderson (now Minnie Stanley) a daughter;
Goah W. Anderson; a son;
Ada M. Anderson, (now Mrs. C. E. "Pat" Murphy), daughter.

Note: According to the topographic maps furnished by the U.S.G.S., the altitude of the Mound is 270 feet above sea level. The altitude of Maple (Smith's) Cemetery is 275 feet above sea level.

1. Westside Teachers—Centennial Day
2. W. T. Alvey Saloon—1910
3. Noble Capehart Arcade—1910
4. Caruthersville Cornet Band
5. Living Room, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wahl—1904
6. Centennial Book Committee at work
7. Frank Cunningham Home
8. Caruthersville Fire Department—1927
9. Little River Hunting Club—1917

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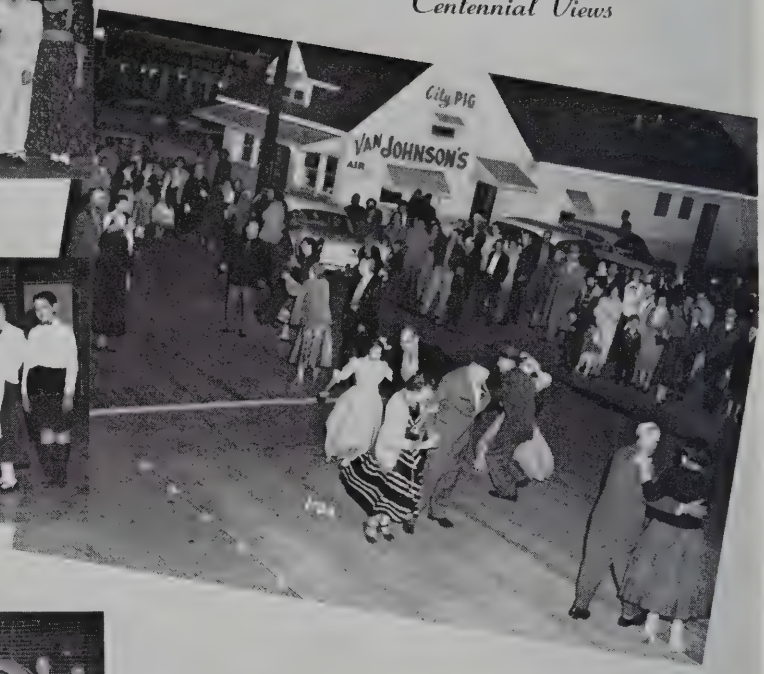
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